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## Fwd: Friendship auditorium and access points

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**Genevieve Liang** <genevieve@cardborigami.org>

Thu, Feb 14, 2019 at 11:26 AM

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Cc: "Nithya V. Raman" <nraman@gmail.com>, Lex Roman <alexa.mariel@gmail.com>, dorit dowler-guerrero <doritdeneen@gmail.com>

Hi Juan -- sharing the below also with you and Mary. Asking all area electeds for some help:

1. If there's any facilitation you can provide with LAHSA about the technicality that I've bolded below -- Ascencia, for whatever reason, did not have one of their staff on the mandatory LAHSA bidders webinar, but I did attend.
2. Can you help push The People Concern to propose an Access Center at Echo Park United Methodist Church (Juan has copy of the framework that we've sent him)

THANKS much,  
Genevieve / SELAH

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From: **Lex Roman** <heyalexaroman@gmail.com>

Date: Thu, Feb 14, 2019 at 10:08 AM

Subject: Re: Friendship auditorium and access points

To: Schneider, Erin <ESchneider@bos.lacounty.gov>

Cc: Genevieve Liang <genevieve@cardborigami.org>, Morales, Fernando <FMorales@bos.lacounty.gov>, Nithya Raman <nraman@gmail.com>, Rachel Fox <rachel.fox@lacity.org>, SELAH NHC <selahnhc@gmail.com>, dorit dowler-guerrero <doritdeneen@gmail.com>

Hi Erin, Rachel and Fernando,

Great, we'd love to discuss this in more detail. I can follow up with some dates/times for a phone call but here's how you can help in the meantime.

We (the SELAH team) need your help to petition LAHSA to allow us to work with LAHSA-qualified prime contractors to apply for the access center/access point funding [in this RFP](#).

We've put together two detailed proposals - one for an access center in Echo Park, one for an access point in Silver Lake/Atwater. Both of these proposals would leverage significant additional fundraising and volunteer support from SELAH to support outreach, showers, food, and more that will enable these access points / centers to attract the people who need these services the most.

Using those frameworks, we've been talking with Ascencia, PATH and The People Concern about applying as the lead agency for the LAHSA funding to co-operate the sites.

**Ascencia has agreed to apply with SELAH for the access point in Silver Lake but the LAHSA requirements dictate that 'the proposer' had to have attended the bidders webinar on Jan 31. Genevieve, from SELAH, was in attendance and is on their list. Ascencia is concerned this may preclude their eligibility.**

The People Concern is still considering our proposal for Echo Park so we are waiting to hear.

As you all know, we've been hard at work both on the ground doing engagements and meeting with partners like yourselves. We have the numbers and the experience that tells us these access centers/points are critical for our neighbors in need. We are asking for your help to encourage LAHSA to allow us to apply with Ascencia or with another qualified partner.

The RFP application is due Feb 27 so time is of the essence.

Thank you,  
Lex

On Tue, Feb 5, 2019 at 6:10 PM Schneider, Erin <[ESchneider@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:ESchneider@bos.lacounty.gov)> wrote:

Hi Lex,

Thank you so much for reaching out to our office and all the incredible work you're all doing for those experiencing homelessness in the community. I'm looping in Rachel Fox with Councilmember Ryu's office. Since Friendship Auditorium and the surrounding areas is city operated, I think it's best that we all discuss your proposal and ideas together. As our offices are currently in the home stretch of planning for the Connect Day next week, are you alright with us all meeting together after the event? If so, what days and times are best for you?

I'm looking forward to working together on ways to assist the community and discussing the ideas you shared further.

Respectfully,

Erin Schneider

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From: Lex Roman <[heyalexaroman@gmail.com](mailto:heyalexaroman@gmail.com)>

Sent: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 12:18:57 AM

To: Morales, Fernando

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Subject: Re: Friendship auditorium and access points

Hi Fernando and Erin,

Fantastic! Thank you. We can share what we're thinking in more detail.

Erin, would love to know if you've heard anything about the feasibility of Friendship Auditorium for repeated use for homeless services. We're looking to offer food, showers as well as CES intake a couple times a week for a few hours each time. The parking lot is good but ideally, we could use the restrooms and allow people a break from the elements

indoors. For the people living in the river area/near the highway, it's pretty harsh out there.

Some of the SELAH team will be at the Feb 12 connect day, as I believe you already know. We're doing some engagements leading up to the event to make sure folks know about it.

Thanks,  
Lex

On Mon, Feb 4, 2019 at 11:37 AM Morales, Fernando <[FMorales@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:FMorales@bos.lacounty.gov)<mailto:[FMorales@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:FMorales@bos.lacounty.gov)>> wrote:  
Hi Lex,

Thank you for reaching out. I apologize as I am just finishing catching up on the emails from being away last week.

In my conversation mid-last year with Mel T, I mentioned that since the sewer drop was installed by the City of LA (BOE), it would be great to see more ongoing use of that site (we had discussed with CD 4 and Lava Mae during the last connect day). I can't speak to access and additional feasibility as it is a LA City Department of Recreation and Parks facility. I know that RAP has expressed support for connect days and similar events to bring resources to people experiencing homelessness – so perhaps if SELAH wanted to coordinate a weekly event in the parking lot area, CD 4 and RAP would be able to facilitate the permit/access.

Erin Schneider, our field deputy for Los Feliz and Atwater Village has been coordinating the upcoming connect day in partnership with CD 4 and is the lead for that area. She may know of additional conversations that may have occurred recently and can provide additional guidance. Once you connect with Erin, we can perhaps all discuss what SELAH has envisioned and see how we can be of assistance in connecting with CD 4/RAP?

Best,

Fernando

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Cc: Nithya Raman; SELAH NHC; Genevieve Liang; dorit dowler-guerrero  
Subject: Re: Friendship auditorium and access points

Hi Fernando,

I know you were out of the office, but I'm wondering if you got this email. I'm adding two more SELAH members. We are actively putting together a proposal for an Access Point, in conjunction with a couple service providers and we'd love your input about Friendship as a possible site.

More info below.

Thank you,  
Lex

On Mon, Jan 28, 2019 at 9:50 AM Lex Roman <[heyalexaroman@gmail.com](mailto:heyalexaroman@gmail.com)<mailto:heyalexaroman@gmail.com>> wrote:  
Hi Fernando,

I'm a volunteer with the SELAH Neighborhood Homeless Coalition. As you know, we've been working to get an access center/access point in our area - the Silver Lake/Los Feliz area. We've been doing engagements and serving meals in the area and see a great need for more accessible services, particularly near the LA River. (As a reminder - our report on this is up on our website: SELAHNHC.org)

A couple of us spoke with Mel T. from Shower of Hope the other day and he mentioned you all were looking at Friendship Auditorium as a potential site. We're interested in that as well.

I'm writing to see what the feasibility of that site is. We'd like to explore using it as an access point. We are already offering meals twice a week to our neighbors in need in that area and we're thinking of expanding to weekly. Friendship seems like a great site to offer this, along with showers, case management, phone charging and other emergency services. We like that it's near those living on the river, that it bridges Silver Lake/Los Feliz/Atwater and that it's out of the way for other local residents and businesses.

Could you catch us up on where you are with Friendship Auditorium? If we wanted to run a weekly program there, could we get your support/get access to the space?

I'm ccing Nithya Raman who is our board President.

Thank you,  
Lex Roman

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Fri, Feb 15, 2019 at 7:37 PM

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Hi Genevieve,

Can we schedule a call next week to discuss?

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Hi Juan,

Happy to share that we successfully confirmed another agency (not Ascencia) to be the lead on this RFP. We'll be working with them to submit both Echo Park UMC and Silver Lake CC as access points by the 2/27 deadline. We will certainly keep you and Mary posted, and may likely ask this coming week for a letter of support from Mitch. In the medium term, it still would be very beneficial if CD13 can provide input into LAHSA or its Commission regarding how their procurement process (as we've provided specific example of) makes attempts at provider-community collaboration very difficult. We hope that can change soon before further RFPs like this are issued.

Thanks!

Genevieve / SELAH

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**Mary Rodriguez** <mary.d.rodriguez@lacity.org>

Tue, Feb 19, 2019 at 11:38 AM

To: Juan Fregoso <juan.fregoso@lacity.org>

I am confused about this matter. Can you provide information?

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